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LIBRARIES

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taking place at the Storywalk at Paradise Springs Historical Park.

"It was exciting to take part in those activities with our patrons, face to face," said Castle.

Castle said they did, however, still offer take-home kits due to pandemic restrictions, including craft kits for all ages, as well as Storytime and STEM projects for children. She said they distributed over 750 of those in seven weeks.

Castle said though summer reading ends Saturday, July 31, they have several programs on the horizon, including handing out free books at CASA's Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Wabash High School.

"We are also extremely excited to be returning to in-person programming in September," said Castle. Storytimes, Homeschool Science Club, craft clubs and book discussions for all ages will be happening at the library this fall and we will announce more details about those, and other upcoming projects, in August. We are so proud of our community for their enthusiastic participation in this year's summer reading program and we can't wait to see what the fall brings at WCPL."

NMPL

On Tuesday, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said

they had 108 children sign up with Beanstack, their online summer reading app, and 307 sign up for paper trackers for a total of 415 summer reading participants in the children's department.,

Hann said by comparison, they only had 255 kids sign up in 2020.

Hann said they had 133 adults and 60 teens sign up for summer reading. For comparison, they had 105 adult sign-ups in 2020, and only 41 teen sign-ups.

"It's good to be getting back to normal," said Hann.

NMPL children's department manager Sarah Morbitzer said "Beanstackers," which accounted for about a fourth of sign-ups, read 56,055 minutes.

"Based on that, I think we can safely say that the summer reading program motivated kids in our community to read for hundreds of thousands of minutes this summer," said Morbitzer.

Hann said 222 children completed all four sections and earned their summer reading program T-shirt, for a 53 percent completion rate; 228 finished Section 3, for a 54 percent achievement rate; 254 finished Section 2, for a 61 percent achievement rate; adult reading program participants read a total of 229,699 minutes; and teen reading program participants read a total of 116,602 minutes.

Hann said one teen read 637 hours.

Hann said the NMPL also supported local businesses by purchasing prizes from them, distributing donated coupons from them as rewards, show-

ing up at their locations, or inviting them to show up. Manchester Marketplace, Manchester Soap Company, Grand's Ice Cream, KenapocoMocha, Chillz, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Subway, Casey's, McDonald's, Penguin Point, Hot Off the Press, Huck's and The Igloo all participated in the "I Heart North Manchester" Summer Reading Program.

"We saw huge numbers at all of our summer reading programming events as well," said Hann.

Hann said the largest event of the summer was the Slime Fest, which drew in 181 attendees, but the Chillz Tie-Dye & Ice Cream event was a close second with 170 people. The Kenapocomocha event had 91 participants, while the NMPL Pool Party brought in 156 patrons. Roz Puppets also hosted 150 people.

"Based on that, I think we can safely say that the summer reading program motivated kids in our community to read for hundreds of thousands of minutes this summer," said Hann.

Hann said that while they don't have any back-to-school-themed programs, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, they will have a free showing of the new movie, "Luca" with hot popcorn for all attendees.

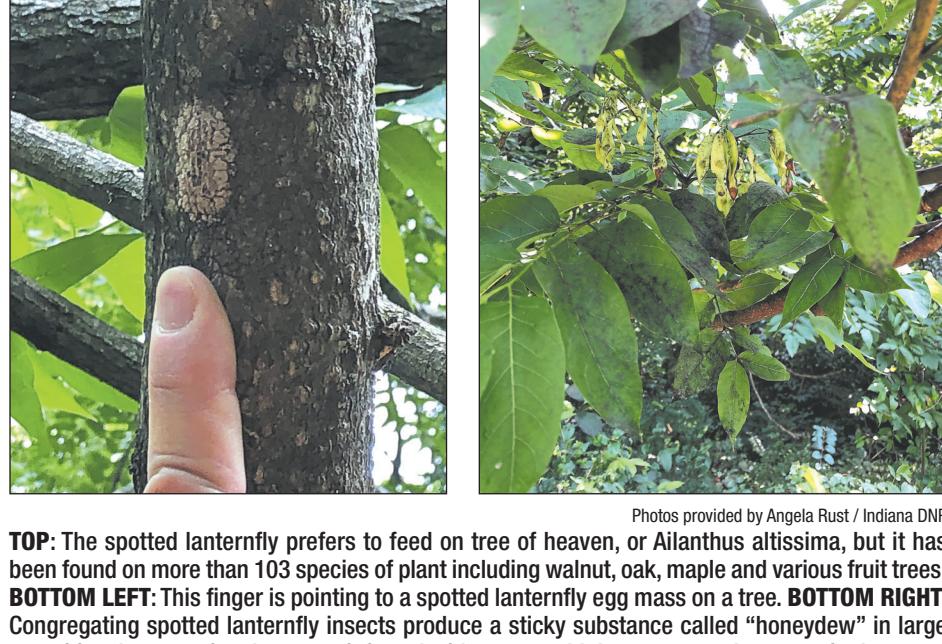
Hann said they also have several art programs scheduled throughout the month – including oil painting, watercolor and papier-mâché classes – for patrons to enjoy.

Hann said beginning in September, their Homeschool Art Class will be coming back for our homeschool families.

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5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Mostly Sunny 90 / 71	 Thursday Chance T-storms 91 / 66	 Friday Few Showers 81 / 61	 Saturday Partly Cloudy 80 / 62	 Sunday Mostly Sunny 79 / 61
Sun and Moon				
Today's sunset 8:59 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 6:40 a.m.				
 Last 7/31	 New 8/8	 First 8/15	 Full 8/22	
Detailed Local Outlook				
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 90°, humidity of 59%. West northwest wind 2 to 6 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 94°. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 71°. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.				



Photos provided by Angela Rust / Indiana DNR

TOP: The spotted lanternfly prefers to feed on tree of heaven, or *Ailanthus altissima*, but it has been found on more than 103 species of plant including walnut, oak, maple and various fruit trees. **BOTTOM LEFT:** This finger is pointing to a spotted lanternfly egg mass on a tree. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Congregating spotted lanternfly insects produce a sticky substance called "honeydew" in large quantities that over time becomes infested with sooty mold that attracts other pests in the area.

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On Monday, DNR Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology (DEPP) director Megan Abraham said the spotted lanternfly, or *Lycorma delicatula*, was found in Indiana for the first time in Switzerland County earlier this week.

Abraham said this was "the farthest west the insect has been found."

"This federally regulated invasive species has a detrimental impact upon plant growth and fruit production, especially in vineyards and orchards," said Abraham.

Abraham said a homeowner in Vevay contacted DNR's DEPP with a picture that was taken outside his home of a fourth instar, or developmental stage, larvae.

"DEPP staff surveyed the site and discovered an infestation in the woodlot adjacent to a few homes in the area," said Abraham.

Abraham said the site is within two miles of the Ohio River and the Markland Dam.

Abraham said DEPP and USDA are conducting an investigation to determine exactly how large the infestation is and where it could have come from, as well as how to limit the spread and

eradicate the population.

Abraham said the spotted lanternfly is a planthopper that originated in Asia. It was first discovered in the United States in Pennsylvania in 2014.

"The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture tried to limit the spread of this pest, but it excels at being a hitch-hiker and is often spread unknowingly by humans," said Abraham.

Abraham said the adult spotted lanternfly has two sets of wings, and the under-wing has a very distinct red color with spots on the outer wings. The fourth instar of the insect is bright red with black and white markings.

The egg masses of this invasive insect look like mud and they can be spread by vehicle transport including recreational vehicles, cargo carriers, or truck transport, and freight trains. They can also be spread through trade materials sold in infested areas that are shipped out of state including nursery stock, outdoor furniture and lumber.

"Anyone receiving goods from the east coast should inspect for signs of the insect, especially if the commodity is to be kept outdoors," said Abraham.

Abraham said the spotted lanternfly prefers to feed on tree of heaven, or *Ailanthus altissima*, but it has been found on more than 103 species of plant including walnut, oak, maple and various fruit trees.

"This insect is often found on grapevines in vineyards. Adult insects have piercing, sucking mouthparts and weaken the plants through feeding on them, which can make it difficult for the plant to survive the winter months. Congregating spotted lanternfly insects produce a sticky substance called 'honeydew' in large quantities that over time becomes infested with sooty mold that attracts other pests in the area," said Abraham.

Abraham said the DNR is asking for all citizens to keep an eye out for spotted lanternfly.

"The bright color of both the last instars and the adults of the insect should be present at this time of the year," said Abraham.

Abraham said anyone that spots signs of the spotted lanternfly should contact DEPP by calling 866-NO EXOTIC, or 866-663-9684, or emailing to DEPP@dnr.IN.gov.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/dnr/entomology/pests-of-concern/>.

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TOP LEFT: SAW is a nonprofit organization from Indianapolis with which the WCUF has partnered on three different ramp projects. **TOP RIGHT:** SAW provided the lumber, the project design and the project manager, who was also a volunteer. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The completed ramp was able to connect the house to the driveway. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The ramp was built to be wide enough to use safely.

RAMP

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Those who helped one day included Dale Bowman; Robert Brinson; Jim McCann; Steve Messer; John Philippson; Sarah Podzielinski, the summer intern for The Community Foundation of Wabash County; Spencer Redman; Denny Unger; Rich Wion; and John Hartsough, who also volunteered his skid loader to help rip a swath of sod for the boardwalk portion.

Wion said she was on-site both days, "helping with the ramp and landscape care as well as making certain that all were well-hydrated and resting in the shade when a personal break was necessary."

Wion said SAW provided the lumber, the project design and the project manager, who was also a volunteer.

"WCUF identified the resident in need of the ramp, contacted SAWs and put out



The project was completed by 14 Wabash County volunteers on Monday, July 5 and Tuesday, July 6.

the call for volunteers," said Wion. "Despite the heat, each person involved in the build was glad to be a part of the crew, and, once he took his first trip down the completed ramp, the jubilant recipient said that he felt like it was 'Liberation Day.'"

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Obituaries

Mississippi takes aim at Roe

Is the Supreme Court going to overrule Roe v. Wade? That's the question raised by a Mississippi abortion case soon to come before court.

"The conclusion that abortion is a constitutional right has no basis

in text, structure, history, or tradition," the attorney general of Mississippi, Lynn Fitch, writes in her brief.

As the brief was being filed, I was outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in Manhattan, where I saw a young woman crying on a street corner after an abortion. Abortion hurts women and kills children. Shortly thereafter, another young woman walked out with a friend, who asked her if she was OK. She was not OK. And we're not OK with a near half-century of legal abortion in the United States of America. The Mississippi case is an opportunity for us to reflect on what we're doing with legal abortion in America.

Specifically in question is a Mississippi law that prohibits abortion after 15 weeks, with exceptions for when the life or physical health of a mother is endangered, or in the case of severe, fatal abnormalities for an unborn child. Mississippi wants the court to throw out Roe and leave abortion legality up to the states. In states like New York, abortion would almost certainly remain. But it shouldn't.

To read the brief from Fitch is to face the horrible facts about abortion. Mississippi's Gestational Age Act points out some brutal realities: "The United States is one of a few countries that permit elective abortions after 20 weeks' gestation. After 12 weeks' gestation, 75 percent of all nations do not permit abortion except (in most instances) to save the life and to preserve the physical health of the mother."

The brief goes on to explain further reason for the law, citing the text of the law: "At 5-6 weeks' gestation, 'an unborn human being's heart begins beating.'" And that at about eight weeks, the developing baby begins to move about in the womb. At nine weeks, "'all basic physiological functions are present.' As are teeth, eyes, and external genitalia." At 10 weeks, "'vital organs begin to function'

and 'hair, fingernails and toenails ... Begin to form.'" At 11 weeks, there may be hiccupping as the diaphragm forms. At 12 weeks, there can be the opening and closing of fingers, "sucking motions," and the baby "senses stimulation from the world outside the womb." At that point, the child "has taken on the human form in all relevant respects." In short, it describes what a mother and father who are welcoming their unborn baby see in ultrasounds.

Mississippi, in enacting the law, "identified several state interests concerning abortion." First is the protection of the life of the unborn. Second is protecting the medical profession. The brief explains: "Most abortion procedures performed after 15 weeks' gestation ... (a)re dilation-and-evacuation procedures that 'involve the use of surgical instruments to crush and tear the unborn child apart before removing the pieces of the dead child from the woman.'" This "'is a barbaric practice'" that is "'demeaning to the medical profession.'" Mississippi is also protecting women with its law; dilation-and-evacuation abortions are fraught with medical complications, injuries and psychological problems.

These words remove the comfort of euphemisms. They exposing the lie that abortion is about health care and freedom.

We won't be a healthy society until we realize that what we're doing as a nation under Roe is not only killing more than a million children a year and leaving behind a trail of sorrow, but killing the soul of this nation. Roe makes no sense constitutionally or any other way. The Mississippi case is about more than overturning Roe; it's about saving us from the culture of death that we're immersed in. And it's going to take more than a court case to make sure that women and girls know that there is a better way – including an end to the hostility to women's care centers that provide women with alternatives. But ending the tyranny of Roe in the law would certainly help.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Jean D. Brainard

April 10, 1925 - July 25, 2021

Jean D. Brainard, 96, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on July 25, 2021 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester. Born in North Manchester on April 10, 1925, Jean was the daughter of the late Foster and Edna Marie (Westafer) Brown.

While living in California Jean met John M. Brainard. On June 1, 1946 the two wed and moved back to Indiana. John worked for the Wabash City Police Department and later the Wabash County Sheriff's Department while Jean worked at General Tire in Wabash for eight years. The two were married for twenty-seven years and had five children before John died on Oct. 10, 1973, forever changing Jean's life.

After John's passing, Jean moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas where she worked for Texstar Plastics for fourteen years before retiring in 1990. Later, in the early 90's, Jean moved back to North Manchester to be closer to family and friends.

Jean had a great sense of humor and was always smiling. She was an incredibly strong woman who constantly had a positive attitude, a loving heart and thought of her friends as family. Jean enjoyed shopping with friends and family, doing jigsaw puzzles with grandchildren, and cooking wonderful sweets.

She loved and adored her dog Andrew who was like another child to her. On Sundays when her health allowed, Jean attended Congregational Christian Church, where she was a member.

The loving memory of Jean D. Brainard will be forever cherished by her sons, John (Patsy) Brainard, Jr., Michael J. (Ma Fe) Brainard, Tom (Sue)



Brainard, all of Wabash, Indiana, and Bill (Kathy Demaline) Brainard, Holgate, Ohio; daughter, Anne (Vernon) Eckley, Bentonville, Arkansas; thirteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Brainard; brothers, Dick and Don Brown; and one great-grandchild.

Family and friends may call Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021 at the Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester, Indiana with calling beginning at 9 a.m. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Jean D. Brainard, memorial contributions may be made to the Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester, Indiana 46962 or The Timbercrest Charitable Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

The family of Jean D. Brainard has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Janet Sue Dickos

July 1, 1933 - July 25, 2021

Janet Sue Dickos, 88, formally of Wabash, peacefully passed away on July 25, 2021. Born July 1, 1933 in Lagro, Indiana; moved to Wabash and married Christie K Dickos, who preceded her in death. In her later years she moved to Fishers to be near her children. She is survived by her son Greg, his wife Nancy, her daughter

Ellen and her husband, Pat Elward. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Selling real estate in Wabash County was the love of her life. She was always upbeat and positive and never met a stranger. She lived life to its fullest and will be missed. Services will be private.

Joe Blocher

Joe Blocher, 81, North Manchester, died July 23, 2021. He was born March 22, 1940 in North Manchester.

Surviving is his wife, Bonnie Blocher; son, Matthew (Allison) Blocher; daughters, Polly (Ricky) Lewis and Julia Blocher; brother, Max (Sandra) Blocher; sister, Ruthie (David) Brubaker; sister-in-law, Taphie Blocher; eight grandchildren and seventeen

great-grandchildren.

Calling was Monday, July 26, 2021 from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services was Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 12546 North S.R. 13, North Manchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Raymond 'Ray' Bowland

Feb. 2, 1926 - July 23, 2021



Raymond "Ray" Bowland, 95, of Greentown passed away at 6:16 AM, July 23, 2021 at St. Vincent, Kokomo Hospital. He was born in Amboy on Feb. 2, 1926 the son of Jesse E. and Emma Myers Bowland. Ray married Thelma Lucille Douglass in Peru on March 9, 1948 and she preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 2020.

Ray was a 1944 graduate of Amboy High School, a member of the Converse Church of Christ, and a US Army World War II veteran.

His military decorations include the World War II Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Occupation of Germany Medal, and the EAME Theater Ribbon with 3 bronze stars. Ray was employed at Chrysler Corporation for 30 years, Plevna Implement for 25 years and a retired farmer.

He is survived by daughters Connie (Craig) McKillip of Wabash, Karen (Mike) Fauber of Greentown, and Kathy (Bill) Shrock of Leesburg; grandchildren Brent McKillip, Brooke McKillip, Chad Fauber, Angela Ford, Kyle Shrock and Kent Shrock; 17 great grandchildren; sisters Virginia Rohrer, Alice Hudson, Betty Hodson, and Wagenta Levensky; and brothers Eugene and Jim Bowland.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Thelma; granddaughter Jennifer R. McKillip; sisters Violet

Lowe, Dorothy Rose, Mary Fisher, Ann (Bunch) Roseberry, Patsy Bennette, and Carol Bowland and brothers Woodrow, Wayne, and Russell Bowland.

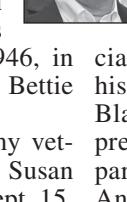
A service celebrating the life of Raymond "Ray" Bowland will be held at 2 PM Saturday, July 31, 2021 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy with David Stokes officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery with Military Honors being provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends and family will gather from 1 - 2 PM on July 31, 2021 prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook at Eddy Funeral Homes, Inc.

Ronald D. Pore

Dec. 26, 1946 - July 24, 2021



Ronald D. Pore, 74, of Wabash, Indiana, died 9:57 pm, Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born on Dec. 26, 1946, in Wabash, to John and Bettie "Lila" (Owen) Pore.

Ron was a US Army veteran.

He married Susan Rish in Wabash on Sept. 15,

1968. He retired from Ford Meter Box in Wabash after 19 years, and also worked at General Tire in Wabash 16 years. He enjoyed yard work, his dog Otto, but his family was the world to him.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Pore; daughter, Missy (William Jr.) Hartley; and three grandchildren, Bailey (Levi Winget) Lund-

mark, Aaron Hartley, and Alexis Hartley, all of Wabash, brother-in-law, Hector Garza of San Antonio, Texas, niece, Tara (Norman) Matias of Houston, Texas, and his nephew, Todd (Christi) Bland of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Neva Ann Garza.

Funeral services will be 7 pm, Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with Brad Wright officiating. Friends may call 4-7 pm Thursday, July 29, 2021, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Ron may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Cleo B. Hippenstein

March 2, 1926 - July 23, 2021

Cleo B. Hippenstein, 95, of North Manchester, died July 23, 2021. Born in Huntington County on March 2, 1926, Cleo was the daughter of the late Ervin C. and Gladys M. (Baker) Spath.

Cleo is survived by her son, David (Martha) Guthrie; daughter, Kathleen Mooney; step-sons, David Hippenstein and John Hippenstein; step-daughters, Diane (Michael) Bever,

Jane (Stuart) Sayler and Joan Lauderan; twenty-one grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Calling Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 10 to 11 a.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, with funeral services beginning at the conclusion of calling.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

CDC changes course on indoor masks in some parts of the U.S.

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed course Tuesday on some masking guidelines, recommending that even vaccinated people return to wearing masks indoors in parts of the U.S. where the delta variant of the coronavirus is fueling infection surges.

Citing new information about the variant's ability to spread among vaccinated people, the CDC also recommended indoor masks for all teachers, staff, students and visitors at schools nationwide, regardless of vaccination status.

In other developments, President Joe Biden said his administration was considering requiring all federal workers to get vaccinated. His comments came a day after the Department of Veterans Affairs became the first federal agency to require its health care workers receive the vac-

cine.

Biden dismissed concerns that the new masking guidance from the CDC could invite confusion, saying Americans who remain unvaccinated are the ones who are "sowing enormous confusion."

"The more we learn about this virus and the delta variation, the more we have to be worried and concerned. And there's only one thing we know for sure – if those other 100 million people got vaccinated, we'd be in a very different world," he said.

The White House quickly pivoted on its own masking guidance, asking all staff and reporters to wear masks indoors because the latest CDC data shows that Washington faces a substantial level of coronavirus transmission.

The CDC's new mask policy follows recent decisions in Los Angeles and St. Louis to revert to indoor mask mandates amid a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations that have been

especially bad in the South. The nation is averaging more than 57,000 cases a day and 24,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations.

The guidance on masks in indoor public places applies in parts of the U.S. with at least 50 new cases per 100,000 people in the last week. That includes 60 percent of U.S. counties, officials said.

Most new infections in the U.S. continue to be among unvaccinated people. So-called breakthrough infections, which generally cause milder illness, can occur in vaccinated people. When earlier strains of the virus predominated, infected vaccinated people were found to have low levels of virus and were deemed unlikely to spread the virus much, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said.

But with the delta variant, the level of virus in infected vaccinated people is "indistinguishable" from the level of virus in the noses and throats of unvaccinated people, Wal-

ensky said. The data emerged over the last couple of days from over 100 samples from several states and one other country. It is unpublished, and the CDC has not released it. But "it is concerning enough that we feel like we have to act," Wal-

ensky said. Vaccinated people "have the potential to spread that virus to others," she said. For much of the pandemic, the CDC advised Americans to wear masks outdoors if they were within 6 feet of one another.

Then in April, as vaccination rates rose sharply, the agency eased its guidelines on the wearing of masks outdoors, saying that fully vaccinated Americans no longer needed to cover their faces unless they were in a big crowd of strangers. In May, the guidance was eased further for fully vaccinated people, allowing them to stop wearing masks outdoors in crowds and in most indoor settings.

The guidance still called for wearing masks in crowded indoor settings, like buses, planes, hospitals, prisons and homeless shelters, but it cleared the way for reopening workplaces and other venues.

Subsequent CDC guidance said fully vaccinated people no longer needed to wear masks at schools either.

For months COVID cases, deaths and hospitalizations were falling steadily, but those trends began to change at the beginning of the summer as the delta variant, a mutated and more transmissible version of the virus, began to spread widely, especially in areas with lower vaccination rates.

Some public health experts said they thought the earlier CDC decision was based on good science. But those experts were also critical, noting that there was no call for Americans to document their vaccination status, which created an honor system. Unvaccinated people who did not

want to wear masks in the first place saw it as an opportunity to do what they wanted, they said.

"If all the unvaccinated people were responsible and wore mask indoors, we would not be seeing this surge," said Dr. Ali Khan, a former CDC disease investigator who now is dean of the University of Nebraska's College of Public Health.

Lawrence Gostin, a public health law professor at Georgetown University, drew a similar conclusion.

"It was completely foreseeable that when they (the CDC) made their announcement, masking would no longer be the norm, and that's exactly what's happened," Gostin said.

CANDIDATE

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University School of Law. She is now the executive director and presiding officer for a civil rights agency and human relations commission. Khaaliq is also an ADA and Title VI Coordinator. Currently, she's an adjunct professor at Indiana University. She operates her social service, providing legal and mental health services to indigent clients nationwide. She's the step-daughter of a "hardworking" retired United Steelworker, daughter of a retired city bus driver and factory worker.

"She comes from a family of honorable veterans who served their country proudly. She has a lifetime of acquired values and skills commensurate with representing and leading the people," stated her biography.

Khaaliq has already been running for this position since 2019. Candidates submit 500 signatures from each of the nine congressional districts in the state to the Indiana Elections Commission to be eligible for next year's primary election ballot.

"We're showing up in places all over the state to try to get those so I'm happy about that," she said.

Khaaliq said her status as a "political outsider" made it necessary to have as early a start as possible.

"We don't have any money. We're grassroots. We're not

household names. We could all probably benefit better from people who aren't career politicians, or people who have been politicians for a long time. People don't really realize that until they see someone do it. A lot of folks don't even believe they can do it. I am a believer that we have to be the change that we want to see, and I'm not just a hearer of that idea, I'm a doer of that."

Khaaliq said she saw her lack of political track record as a positive, rather than a negative.

"My lack of experience is going to be highlighted and put under a microscope and so I just started building that experience and I think that this being out and amongst the people, talking to them, and not just telling them what's going to happen, but hearing from them as to what they want to happen," she said.

Connecting with voters' issues

Khaaliq said the issues she cares most about are many of the same ones voters around the state have been sharing with her, including "civil rights, education and poverty." "I'm hearing folks getting ready to move out of the state because of a lack of good jobs. And when I say good jobs I mean greater than \$7.25 per hour, obviously. Health care, some benefits and insurance to help them along the way as many of them are working

40-plus hours per week. They don't have enough money," said Khaaliq.

Khaaliq said she was also hearing from voters that they were concerned about their lack of quality health care coverage and the continuing opioid crisis.

"Folks have family and friends who have died to drug overdoses. (There has been) very little (done) to combat these issues and these problems," she said.

Khaaliq said many of the issues she hears most about – including immigration, unions and civil rights – are national issues.

"I'm for livable wages. I'm one of the more progressive candidates this state has ever seen as I am for livable wages with respect to education. I believe in robust public school education," said Khaaliq.

"I also, as it relates to civil rights, believe in the equality for the LGBTQ+ members of our society who just want to live and work freely and not be judged based on who they love. ... What does it matter who we love? We want to work. We want to live where we want. We want to have good jobs and have an opportunity at the American dream just like everybody else."

Regaining voters

Khaaliq said the way forward for the Democratic Party reconnecting with voters it has lost boils down to communication.

"I'm a believer that we've

got to continually reach out to the rural communities and folks in the rural communities and Republicans as well. In fact, this campaign purposefully and intentionally and affirmatively reaches out to strong Republicans. That's because we want to have conversations with them. We want to inform them about the American Rescue Plan. You can't turn Indiana blue by continuing to talk to the same people. You've got to reach the folks who aren't used to being heard or they claim that they're not being heard," said Khaaliq.

Khaaliq said she has been attending county fairs across the state lately and has encountered several voters who have made a point to disagree with her directly.

"I was talking to some folks and I could tell they were strong Republicans because they came right up to me and they asked me about Critical Race Theory and they asked me about the mask mandate. And they just wanted to argue. I could tell," she said. "I just looked at them and regarding Critical Race Theory, I said, 'Let's first dive into do you have kids that are impacted by this?' 'No, I don't have any kids.' 'OK, well you know, sir, I'm not to get into a debate with you. You know that I'm a previous public school teacher. I'm running as a Democrat. I believe in the holistic learning of all subjects. So, yeah, we're going to talk about race.

We're going to talk about race relations. We're going to talk about what that means from all angles so that everybody gets the fullness of the learning process as it relates to that."

Khaaliq said when asked about the mask mandates, she said she believes in the CDC, WHO and "scientists who are experts in their field."

"They may have walked away from the conversation not agreeing with me, but they've still got what I said to them on their minds. And who knows? They may say to themselves, 'Well, she answered my question with a question but that was a good question that maybe I need to think about.' So I don't shy away from them. I reach out to them. I think that's what the party needs to do. I think that's what anybody who's running for office needs to do and anyone who wants to make a change," said Khaaliq.

Looking forward to the general election

If Khaaliq can garner enough signatures to make it to the Indiana Democratic Party primary election ballot, and then wins the nomination, she would then face Republican Sen. Todd Young in the 2022 general election.

Khaaliq said she would "highlight his negligence" and his lack of public town halls since taking office.

"It doesn't matter if you're Democrat or Republican, you

should be upset about that," said Khaaliq. "This always gets me every single time. I believe in dialog. I believe in discourse. I believe it is part of the most basic fundamental values of this country and our Democracy. And to be shut out of a process by simply not having the platform which should be provided to us as constituents. I recognize that Senators are busy, but by all means, you're the one that said you wanted to be one."

Khaaliq said she has encountered voters across the state who had no idea who their representatives were.

"I go to places all the time and I ask them all a question, I say, 'Who are you two United States senators?' And they say, 'We have no idea.' That's usually their response, 'I don't know.' And I usually respond and I say, 'That's because they're not in the community doing what they should be doing. They're not talking to you. They're not having any meetings. You've got to be VIP. You've got to fly to Washington. You've got to pay to see them.'"

Khaaliq said she is already going out of her way to connect with the concerns of Hoosier voters.

"I am already hearing and trying to work very hard to solve folks' problems with their input. And that's what I hope to do as a senator," she said.

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Peru, but that will not be the first meeting location. The first meeting location will be provided at registration. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127 or emailing uwnatdnr@dnr.in.gov. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 28 and Aug. 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Summer at the Wabash County Museum continues

For preschool families with children ages 0 to 5, "Bear Den Days" will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at 36 E. Market St. Registration is available at www.wabashmuseum.org/events. Through Friday, July 30, the Wabash County Museum will offer the "Museum Explorers" opportunity for young people who have just completed kindergarten through sixth grades. For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org.

Mrs. Honeywell to be commemorated at Annual Birthday Tea

The public is invited to commemorate Mrs. Honeywell's birthday with a low tea luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 29 at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person and reservations are required. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/honeywell-house or call 260-563-1102.

INDOT to begin asphalt resurfacing on Indiana 13

Asphalt resurfacing has been planned on Indiana 13 between County Road 700 and County Road 800. Crews are scheduled to begin on or after Thursday, July 29 and work is expected to be complete by the beginning of September.

Wabash County Festivals Pageant set for Friday

The 31st annual Wabash

County Festivals Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 30 in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Admission to the pageant is \$5 for persons 6 and older. Children under 6 are free. If you would like the Queen and Court to appear at an event, contact one of the directors for the pageant including Kara Fulmer, Patty Meagher, Makayla Ridgeway, Teresa Ridgeway and Bev Vanderpool.

Local Beehive Trolley No. 85 Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets are now on sale for the Local Beehive Trolley No. 85 Tour, which will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 31 and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center in downtown Wabash. The two local beehive stops include Buzzy Beez and Wiled Miles Honey. Tickets for the Local Beehive Trolley No. 85 Tour are \$25 per person and are all-inclusive. This is a tour for those ages 10 and up and there will be average walking required with some uneven ground. To purchase tickets online, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours.

Kiwanis Bucket Brigade returns for 2021

The Wabash Kiwanis Club supports Riley Hospital for Children with its 24th annual Bucket Brigade fundraiser from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31 at the following times and locations: 7 to 10 a.m. at Modoc's Market, 205 S. Miami St.; 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Fried Egg, 1319 N. Cass St.; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walmart of Wabash, 1601 N. Cass St.; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bechtol Grocery, 120 Hale Drive. Supporters may also send a check to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992, with "Bucket Brigade" listed in the memo line. For more information, email eseaman@honeywellfoundation.org.

Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 10th Annual Project Spotlight Voting

Beacon Credit Union's Project Spotlight voting runs through Saturday, July 31. Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for their favorite cause either online or in their local Beacon Member Center. Visit <https://www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight/> for more

INDOT begins maintenance work on Indiana 13 bridge over Mississinewa

INDOT announced bridge maintenance work would soon begin on Indiana 13 over the Mississinewa River. Crews will be conducting the bridgework seven miles south of Wabash between Whites Drive and Howell Road. The work is expected to last until mid-August. During construction, Indiana 13 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic should be prepared to stop and obey the temporary traffic signal. There's a width limit of 12 feet in the project zone.

Blood donation opportunities scheduled

The following local American Red Cross blood donation opportunities have been scheduled: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. 2nd St., North Manchester; 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Brandt's Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St. For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org or rcblood.org/CedarFair; call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767); or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'S is for Snake' on Aug. 11

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Snake." Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit

260-468-2127.

NMCH celebrates 'Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana'

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) invites visitors to enjoy a new traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) marking the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized a woman's right to vote. The exhibit, "Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana," will be open to the public from Tuesdays through Saturdays through Saturday, Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

Clark Gallery exhibit presents rich contributions of Latino artists

"Artes Latinas in Wabash," on display through Sunday, Aug. 22 in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, presents the rich and varied contributions of Latino artists. The exhibit presents the artistic creations of six professional artists, including various styles such as illustration, printmaking, painting, muralism and graphic design.

Works featured in the exhibit are presented by Colombian, Puerto Rican, Nuyorican and Mexican artists. In addition, the exhibit features the artistic creations of Wabash County students who worked alongside visiting artist Ana Velazquez for We the Many, a project of Arts Midwest. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org.

'Liking for Biking' returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Salamonie Forest Preschool to begin in September

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May

2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once a month option will be held Tuesdays including Sept. 14, 2021; Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022.

The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Dr. Ford Home announces 'fun, family-friendly' event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including The American Front Porch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14; Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

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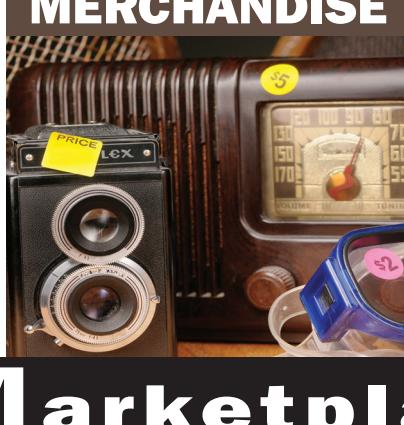
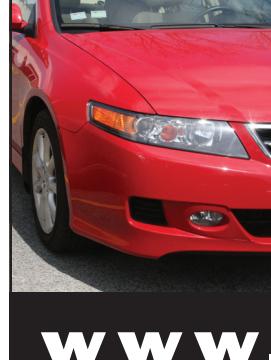
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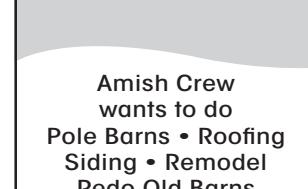
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Husband's pantyhose fixation bothers wife

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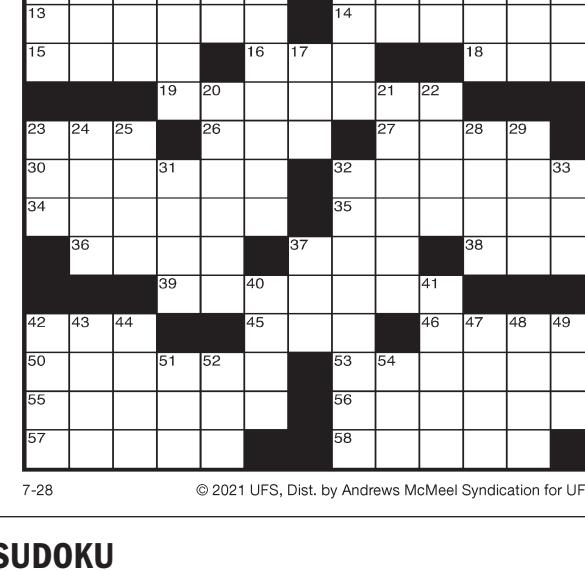
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DAILY SCRIPTURE

For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4:11

Congress had a chance for a bipartisan Jan. 6 investigation. Republicans rejected it

It's been nearly seven months since a violent mob overran the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, the day Congress was set to certify the results of the November presidential election. Members of the mob threatened to kill Vice President Mike Pence and, apparently, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Five people died and more than 100 police officers were hurt, some beaten by the rioters.

Seven months later, Congress is still struggling to launch an investigation of the events of Jan. 6 and the days leading up to them. Rather than obstructing this work and trying to score political points before the next election, it is time for lawmakers from both parties, but particularly Republicans, to begin this needed and overdue review.

Earlier this week, U.S. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy pulled his picks for a House committee that is set to investigate the events of Jan. 6. His move came after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rejected two of his five picks. The two – Reps. Jim Jordan and Jim Banks – voted against certifying the results of the November presidential election and continue to perpetuate the lie that the November election was fraud-ridden and stolen from then-President

Donald Trump. In recent days, Jordan said the new panel should investigate Pelosi's role in the security lapses on Jan. 6 and McCarthy suggested that Pelosi may have delayed a National Guard response to the violence. She doesn't control the D.C. National Guard, the president does.

These are the kind of diversions and disruptions that Pelosi was presumably trying to avoid in rejecting Jordan and Banks, who remain steadfast supporters of Trump. The committee will begin its work next week, the House speaker said.

Pelosi has appointed Rep. Liz Cheney to the panel and Cheney said she would remain there. The Wyoming Republicans is one of 10 Republican House members to vote in favor of impeaching former President Donald Trump after the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. She has since been stripped of her leadership position in the House by the Republian caucus. McCarthy is now considering removing Cheney from her seat on the House Armed Services Committee.

"There must be an investigation that is nonpartisan, that is sober, that is serious, that gets to the facts, wherever they may lead," Cheney told reporters outside the

Capitol on Wednesday. "And at every opportunity, the minority leader has attempted to prevent the American people from understanding what happened to block this investigation."

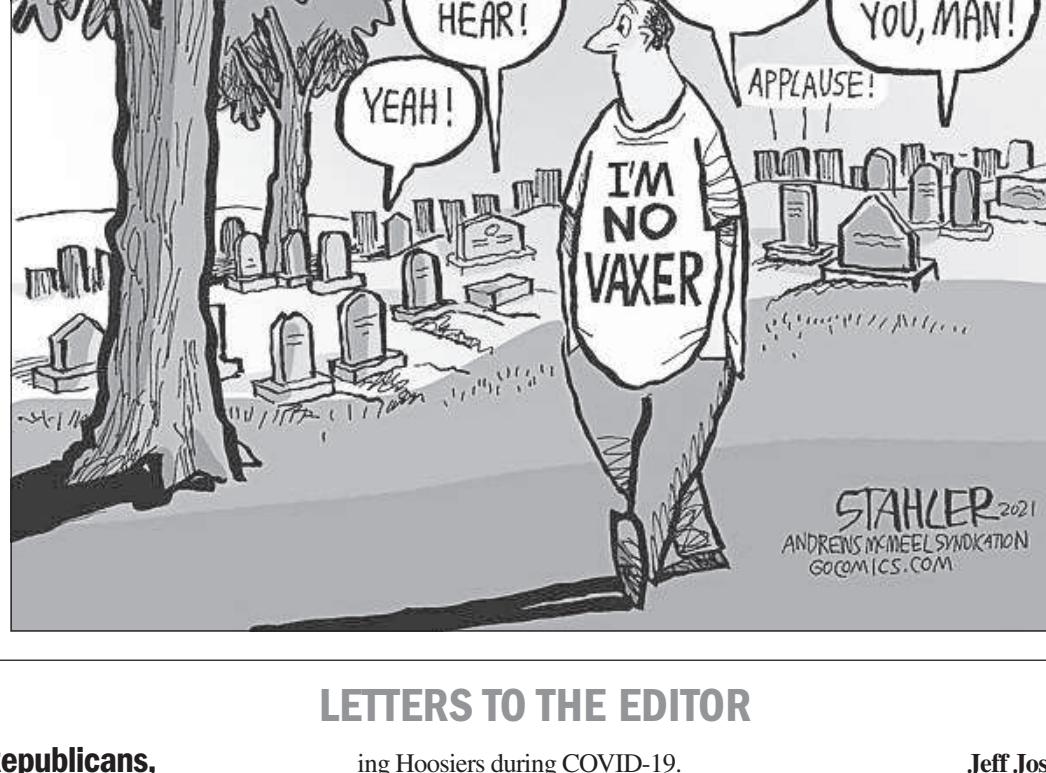
Still, McCarthy blamed Pelosi for politicizing the House investigation, which inevitably will be politicized no matter who conducts it and what it finds. He, and other Republican critics of Pelosi's move, continued to call for a fuller (by which they mean examining Black Lives Matter and other incidents not related to the Jan. 6 insurrection) review and said they would start their own.

We'll remind McCarthy that Republicans had an opportunity to support a bipartisan committee modeled on the commission that investigated the events leading up to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but it stalled in Congress when GOP members failed to back it.

In May, only 35 House Republicans and six Senate Republicans – including Sen. Susan Collins – voted in favor of an independent, bipartisan review.

McCarthy's call for such a review is either disingenuous or months too late, likely both.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans, not Democrats, defunded the police

Remember those political ads last year claiming that all Democrats wanted to "defund the police"? Turns out, Republicans are the ones voting to defund the police.

The Indiana Republican Party and Super PACs aligned with them paid for those ads. Republicans demonized Democrats as enemies who wanted to cause mayhem in our communities. But, as we learned in church and grade school, watch what people do rather than what they say. As it turns out, what Indiana Republicans preach doesn't hold a candle to their actions.

Twice this year, Indiana Republicans have refused to "back the blue." Republicans pushing The Big Lie fueled the violent Jan. 6 insurrection on Capitol Hill in which scores of courageous police officers were beaten and tortured while protecting the constitutional transfer of power and, perhaps, saving the lives of lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle.

Republicans Jackie Walorski (IN-02), Jim Banks (IN-03), Jim Baird (IN-04), Victoria Spartz (IN-05) and Larry Bucshon (IN-08) voted against a bipartisan commission to investigate the domestic terrorist attack, one of the darkest days in American history. Sen. Todd Young voted to block the investigation and Sen. Mike Braun didn't even bother to vote.

On top of that, Republicans Young and Braun voted "NO" on the American Rescue Plan, as did Walorski, Banks, Baird, Spartz, Bucshon and Trey Hollingsworth (IN-09). Passed by Democrats, the American Rescue Plan provides \$350 billion for law enforcement to recruit new officers and fight crime in our cities and towns. In addition, Spartz voted "no" on providing police officers in her district bonuses they earned while protect-

ing Hoosiers during COVID-19.

The Indiana Republican Party's actions tell us they would rather stand on their soapbox and repeat Fox News talking points than deliver for Hoosiers.

In contrast, Democrats know their job: It's getting things done. Indiana Democrats have delivered for police officers and first responders, our heroes, every step of the way.

Chad Harris
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The age of disinformation

Trust in facts is a cornerstone of American democracy. Disinformation and distrust of the media have been major contributors to our socially, politically and economically polarized society. If we are going to bridge divides and collectively address major issues affecting our nation and the world, we must be able to work from a foundation of facts. Consumers rely on news and social media information more than ever – and they need to be able to trust it.

Several promising initiatives are underway. Adobe, for example, has created a way to embed identifying data to content so photos and articles can be traced for manipulation and authenticated. Public-private partnerships to develop comprehensive media literacy education programs are a must. Providing learners at the earliest age with tools and knowledge to discern facts and truth, differentiate between news and opinion and check multiple sources are fundamental building blocks to combat the scourge of fake and misleading information online.

Success will require industry-driven initiatives and the cooperation of state and federal government agencies to help restore trust in and to protect online content.

There is no easy fix. What is clear is that we must act now. The future of our democracy depends upon it.

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Federal investment in cultured-meat research is necessary

Environmental groups like the Sunrise Movement and Greenpeace USA should support federal funding for cultured-meat research. For those who aren't familiar with the term, cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughter. In addition to animal welfare and public health benefits, this revolutionary protein will help prevent climate change.

"Industrial livestock agriculture – raising cows, pigs and chickens – generates as much greenhouse gas emissions as all cars, trucks and automobiles combined," Greenpeace USA itself states. "Cattle ranchers have clear cut millions of acres of forests for grazing pastures, inhibiting the landscape's ability to absorb carbon from the atmosphere."

Perhaps environmental groups see cellular agriculture as a "pie in the sky" solution. But nothing could be further from the truth. Cultured meat has already been granted regulatory approval in Singapore, and is even available for home delivery. Meanwhile, an Israeli company has reduced production costs for a quarter pound of cultivated chicken to less than \$4.

Despite such progress, federal investment is necessary. Private research generally isn't shared, for obvious reasons, which hinders the development of the field as a whole. That's why organizations like the Sunrise Movement and Greenpeace USA should support government funding for cultured-meat research. The future of the planet might depend on it.

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Centering Black women in policy is key to future families' prosperity

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From leading marches for racial justice to developing the COVID-19 vaccine, to reaching the second-highest office in the United States, Black women's excellence is more evident than ever. This year, we showed up for ourselves, our families, and our communities; and we showed up for other women, families, and communities, too, as we have for generations. Now, it is time to honor Black women with bold policies that value our contributions, so that we and future generations can truly thrive.

For even as we achieve historic successes, racist and sexist systems, structures, and narratives persist and prevent our equity and dignity. With time, we've begun to see more clearly the ways that the pandemic has exacerbated these inequities, with devastating consequences for our physical, mental and economic well-being. These disparities also reinforce cultural mindsets that marginalize and vilify Black women.

This plays out in institutional policies that punish Black families who access social benefits, or business practices that prevent us from building wealth. Rooted in racism and sexism and codified over time, these practices don't just harm Black women. For example, agricultural and domestic workers were deliberately excluded from New Deal worker protections at a time when 90 percent of Black women held such roles. The U.S. economy lost out on more than \$507 billion in economic productivity as the attainment gap between Black and white women have widened since 1960, according to just-released analysis by S&P Global Diversity Research Lab. Decades later, these racist exclusions that were (and continue to be) presented as "race-neutral" spread to affect other sectors and non-Black workers. McKinsey has estimated that the racial wealth gap will cost between \$1 trillion and \$1.5 trillion between 2019 and 2028.

We can change this story. By dismantling longstanding barriers and centering Black women and their families, we can lift up our whole society. Black Women Best, an economic framework created by Janelle Jones, illuminates this: if we make the economy work for those most excluded and exploited by societal structures, it will finally work for everyone. Centering Black women creates more equitable futures and expands family prosperity.

And expanding family prosperity is a real policy opportunity. In Jackson, Mississippi, Springboard to Opportunities' Magnolia Mothers Trust was created in partnership with Black mothers to give them no-strings-attached, guaranteed income to work, care for their families, and seek joy. In the COVID-19 era, the Trust is seeing results: moms in the program are 27 percent more likely to seek medical help for illness, their children are 20 percent more likely to perform at or above grade level, and families have reduced food insecurity – just some of the program's intergenerational benefits. Because Black women are more likely to be both caregivers and breadwinners, focusing on family-supportive policies like paid leave and child care has profound benefits for their children and family members, building prosperity for future generations.

Goldman Sachs just announced \$10 billion of direct investment in Black women – a clear example of how a leading financial institution is scaling this concept. It's worth noting that this commitment is the result of Black women in decision-making positions at the company, and crucially, the investment "will be grounded in the stories, voices and experiences of Black women." This strategic business decision will have unprecedented returns for our economy: closing the racial wealth gap can grow our GDP by 4 to 6 percent. Black women-owned businesses grew 50 percent between 2019 and 2019, nearly five times the rate of businesses overall, and Black women have among the highest labor force participation rates for women.

Meanwhile, legislative proposals like the Family Act, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, and the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act can ensure more Black women can access work and health protections and benefits, contributing to our collective wellness and economic strength. These measures echo the work of women throughout history who broke barriers and made the world better for all of us, like Dorothy Bolden, who in 1968 founded the first domestic workers union to call for political inclusion and better pay and working conditions for Black workers.

This moment is complex for Black women – it encompasses pain, joy and hope. Let's make this the moment we build a new future where Black women, their families, and communities can rise; where all our children can grow and thrive. This is the history we can make together.

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Biden mileage rule to exceed Obama climate goal

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WASHINGTON — In a major step against climate change, President Joe Biden is proposing a return to aggressive Obama-era vehicle mileage standards over five years, according to industry and government officials briefed on the plan. He's then aiming for even tougher anti-pollution rules after that to forcefully reduce greenhouse gas emissions and nudge 40 percent of U.S. drivers into electric vehicles by decade's end.

The proposed rules from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation reflect Biden's pledge to attack climate change but also balance concerns of the auto industry, which is urging a slower transition to zero-emission electric vehicles.

The regulatory action would tighten tailpipe emissions standards rolled back under President Donald Trump. The

proposed rules are expected to be released as early as next week, according to the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the rules haven't been finalized.

Environmental groups said Tuesday that the proposal did not go far enough.

"The world isn't the same as it was in 2012 when President Obama signed the clean car standards," said Katherine Garcia, acting director of Sierra Club's Clean Transportation for All campaign. "Millions of Americans have had to swelter in heat waves, evacuate their homes in the face of onrushing wildfires, or bail out flooded homes."

Biden has set a goal of cutting U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by at least half by 2030. The transportation sector is the single biggest U.S. contributor to climate change.

The proposed rules would begin with the 2023 car model year, applying California's 2019 framework agreement on emissions standards

reached with Ford, Volkswagen, Honda, BMW and Volvo, according to three of the officials. The California deal increases the mileage standard and cuts greenhouse gas emissions by 3.7 percent per year.

Requirements ramp up in 2025 to Obama-era levels of a 5 percent annual increase in the mileage standard and a similar cut in emissions. They then go higher than that for model year 2026, one of the people said, perhaps in the range of 6 percent or 7 percent.

Neither EPA nor the Transportation Department would comment on the proposal.

The new standards aim to go partway in meeting the call from environmental groups, which had pushed for a more immediate return to at least the Obama-era standards.

"We're at the climate cliff, and the stakes are too high to aim low," the Center for Biological Diversity will write in a full-page ad in The New York Times on Wednesday urging tough action. Dan

Becker, director of the center's Safe Climate Transportation Campaign, on Tuesday said the administration's proposal is inadequate because it embraces two years of the California deal, which offered a number of exemptions.

In the proposed rule, the EPA is likely to make a non-binding statement that the requirements will ramp up even faster starting in 2027, forcing the industry to sell more zero-emissions electric vehicles, the industry and government officials said.

For now, the agency is seeking to ask that 40 percent of all new car sales be electric vehicles by 2030, according to one of the officials.

The Biden administration defers for now in setting post-2026 mileage requirements, setting the stage for bigger fights ahead over the level of government effort needed to combat climate change

against the future of the auto industry, which currently draws most of its profits from gas-powered SUV sales.

Delaware Sen. Tom Carper, who chairs the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has been urging tough rules that would ban sales of new gasoline-powered passenger vehicles by 2035. He's argued that the industry is already moving in the direction of zero-emission electric vehicles.

Under Obama, automakers were required to raise fuel economy 5 percent per year from 2021 through 2026. But under Trump, that was reduced to 1.5 percent annually.

In 2019, five automakers — Ford, BMW, Honda, Volkswagen and later Volvo — split with competitors and reached a deal with California to raise mileage by 3.7 percent per year.

Trump later repealed California's legal authority to set its own standards, which the Biden administration is moving to restore.

The Trump rollback of the Obama-era standards would require a projected 29 miles per gallon in "real world"

stop and start driving by 2026. That's well below the requirements of the Obama administration rules that would have increased it to 37 mpg.

The California deal with Ford and the other automakers has vehicles getting about 33 mpg on average, according to environmental groups, after accounting for credits for electric vehicles.

It wasn't clear whether the Biden administration would restore credits for selling electric vehicles, but that is likely since EVs are a cornerstone of its plan to fight climate change. Biden's nearly \$2 trillion infrastructure proposal includes 500,000 new charging stations for electric cars and trucks, and he has proposed tax credits and rebates to help spur sales.

Under the Obama-era standards, automakers got double credit for fully electric vehicles toward meeting their fuel economy and pollution requirements. That "multiplier" was removed in the Trump rollback.

Senators, White House in crunch time on infrastructure deal

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WASHINGTON — Time running short, senators and the White House worked furiously Tuesday to salvage a bipartisan infrastructure deal, with pressure intensifying on all sides to wrap up talks on President Joe Biden's top priority.

Despite weeks of closed-door discussions, several issues are still unresolved over the nearly \$1 trillion package. How money would be spent on public transit remains in question and a new dispute flared over the regulation of broadband access.

Patience was running thin as senators accused one another of shifting the debate and picking fights over issue that had already been resolved.

Still, all sides — the White House, Republicans and Democrats — sounded upbeat that an accord was within reach as senators braced for a weekend session to finish the deal. No new deadlines were set.

"Good progress," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said as he opened the chamber.

Republican negotiator Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, who took the lead in key talks with a top White House aide, struck a similar tone, insisting the bipartisan group was "making progress."

It's a make-or-break moment that is testing the White House and Congress, and the outcome will set the stage for the next debate over Biden's much more ambitious \$3.5 trillion spending package, a strictly partisan pursuit.

of far-reaching programs and services including child care, tax breaks and health care that touch almost every corner of American life, and that Republicans vowed Tuesday to oppose.

As talks drag on, anxious Democrats, who have slim control of the House and Senate, face a timeline to act on what would be some of the most substantial pieces of legislation in years. Republicans are weighing whether they will lend their votes for Biden's first big infrastructure lift or deny the president the political accomplishment and try to stop both packages.

Biden met Tuesday morning at the White House with Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, one of the Democratic leaders of the bipartisan talks, to discuss both the current bill and the next one.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said after the president's meeting with Sinema that the administration sees "good signs" but is not setting any deadlines.

The White House wants a bipartisan agreement for this first phase, before Democrats go it alone on the next one. A recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC found 8 in 10 Americans favor some increased infrastructure spending, and the current package could be a political win for all sides as lawmakers try to show voters that Washington can work.

Ten Republicans would be needed in the eventually split 50-50 Senate to pass the bipartisan bill, but it's an open debate among Republicans whether it's politically advantageous to give their support.

The bipartisan package includes about \$600 billion in new spending on public works projects, with broad support from Republicans and Democrats for many of the proposed ideas.

The House will have a chance to weigh in if the package passes the Senate, but it falls far short of what House Democrats have proposed in their own transportation bill, which includes much more spending to address public transit, electric vehicles and other strategies to counter climate change.

At a private meeting of House Democrats on Tuesday, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, called the Senate's bipartisan measure complete "crap," according to two Democrats who attended the session.

DeFazio's remarks illustrated the tensions between Democrats in the two chambers over the budget talks. The Democrats spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the closed-door session.

Senators were set to huddle again late Tuesday, as they have most days since the bipartisan group first struck an agreement with Biden in June on the contours of the joint deal. The group includes 10 core negotiators, split evenly between Democrats and Republicans, but has swelled at time to 22 members.

Filling in the details has become a grueling month-long exercise over the scope of spending in each of the categories as well as some of the underlying policies.

In 1st visit to intel agency, Biden warns of cyber conflict

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MCLEAN, Va. — President Joe Biden used his first visit with rank-and-file members of the U.S. intelligence community — a part of government that was frequently criticized by his predecessor Donald Trump — to make a promise that he will "never politicize" their work.

Biden waited more than six months to make the short drive across the Potomac River on Tuesday to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, giving analysts and national security leaders — often derided by Trump as the "deep state" — some breathing room.

The president in his remarks to about 120 ODNI employees and senior leadership officials sought to make clear that he understood the complexity and critical nature of their work. The agency oversees the 17 other U.S. intelligence organizations.

"You have my full confidence," he said. "I know there's no such thing as 100 percent certainty in the intelligence world. Occasionally that happens. Rarely, rarely, rarely."

Biden told the audience that his administration would be "getting us back to the basics."

"I'll never politicize the work you do. You have my word on that," he said. "It's too important for our country."

Biden also mentioned Russia and China as grow-

ing threats to American national security and noted the growing wave of cyberattacks, including ransomware attacks, against government agencies and private industry that U.S. officials have linked to agents in both countries.

"I think it's more likely ... if we end up in a war, a real shooting war with a major power, it's going to be as a consequence of a cyber breach of great consequence," Biden said.

Biden toured the National Counterterrorism Center Watch Floor, where analysts work to collect information and intelligence from various sources to ascertain potential threats. He was accompanied on the tour by Avril Haines, director of national intelligence, and Christy Abizaid, director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

Trump visited the Central Intelligence Agency on his first full day in office, praising the agency but also airing personal grievances.

Standing in front of CIA's memorial wall with stars marking each of the officers who have died while serving, Trump settled scores with the media and repeated false claims about the size of his inauguration crowd.

The relationship between the intelligence community and the president "went downhill from that very day," said Glenn Gerstell, who then served as general counsel of the National Security Agency and stepped down last year.

Trump would go through four permanent or acting

directors of national intelligence in four years and engaged in near-constant fights with the intelligence community.

In particular, he was angry about its assessment that Russia had interfered on his behalf in the 2016 presidential campaign and its role in revealing that Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate Biden, an action that ultimately led to Trump's first impeachment.

Trump eventually fired the inspector general at the national intelligence office — the internal watchdog who brought that pressure to light.

By contrast, Biden has repeatedly insisted that he would not exert political pressure on intelligence agencies, a message repeated by his top appointees. He also came to office with a long history of working with intelligence officials as vice president and while serving in the Senate.

The president has already called on Haines with several politically sensitive requests. Perhaps the most prominent is an enhanced review of the origins of COVID-19 as concerns increase among scientists that the novel coronavirus could have originated in a Chinese lab. Biden set a 90-day timeframe and pledged to make the results of the review public.

Haines and CIA Director Bill Burns are also investigating a growing number of reported injuries and illnesses possibly linked to directed energy attacks in what's known as the "Havana syndrome."

'This is how I'm going to die': Officers tell Jan. 6 stories

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
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WASHINGTON — "This is how I'm going to die, defending this entrance," Capitol Police Sergeant Aquilino Gonell recalled thinking, testifying Tuesday at the emotional opening hearing of the congressional panel investigating the violent Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection.

Gonell told House investigators he could feel himself losing oxygen as he was crushed by rioters — supporters of then-President Donald Trump — as he tried to hold them back and protect the Capitol and lawmakers.

He and three other officers gave their accounts of the attack, sometimes wiping away tears, sometimes angrily rebuking Republicans who have resisted the probe and embraced Trump's downplaying of the day's violence.

Six months after the insurrection, with no action yet taken to bolster Capitol security or provide a full accounting of what went wrong, the new panel launched its investigation by starting with the law enforcement officers who protected them. Along with graphic video of the

hand-to-hand fighting, the officers described being beaten as they held off the mob that broke through windows and doors and interrupted the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's presidential win.

Metropolitan Police Officer Michael Fanone, who rushed to the scene, told the committee — and millions watching news coverage — that he was "grabbed, beaten, tased, all while being called a traitor to my country." That assault on him, which stopped only when he said he had children, caused him to have a heart attack.

Daniel Hodges, also a D.C. police officer, said he remembered foaming at the mouth and screaming for help as rioters crushed him between two doors and bashed him in the head with his own weapon. He said there was "no doubt in my mind" that the rioters were there to kill members of Congress.

Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn said one group of rioters, perhaps 20 people, screamed the n-word at him as he was trying to keep them from breaching the House chamber — racial insults he said he had never experienced while in uniform. At the end

of that day, he sat down in the Capitol Rotunda and sobbed.

"I became very emotional and began yelling, 'How the (expletive) can something like this happen?'" Dunn testified. "Is this America?"

"My blood is red," he said. "I'm an American citizen. I'm a police officer. I'm a peace officer."

Tensions on Capitol Hill have only worsened since the insurrection, with many Republicans playing down, or outright denying, the violence that occurred and denouncing the Democratic-led investigation as politically motivated. Democrats are reminding that officers sworn to protect the Capitol suffered serious injuries at the hands of the rioters.

All of the officers expressed feelings of betrayal at the Republicans who have dismissed the violence.

"I feel like I went to hell and back to protect them and the people in this room," Fanone testified, pounding his fist on the table in front of him. "Too many are now telling me that hell doesn't exist or that hell actually wasn't that bad. The indifference shown to my colleagues is disgraceful."

The witnesses detailed the

horror of their assaults and the lasting trauma in the six months since, both mental and physical. At the hearing's end, the witnesses all pleaded with the lawmakers to dig deeper into how it happened.

The lawmakers on the committee, too, grew emotional as they played videos of the violence and repeatedly thanked the police for protecting them. Democratic Rep. Stephanie Murphy of Florida told them she was hiding near an entrance they were defending that day and said "the main reason rioters didn't harm any members of Congress was because they didn't encounter any members of Congress."

Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, one of two Republicans on the panel, shed tears during his questioning. He said he hadn't expected to become so emotional.

"You guys all talk about the effects you have to deal with, and you talk about the impact of that day," Kinzinger told the officers. "But you guys won. You guys held."

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, the panel's other Republican, expressed "deep gratitude for what you did to save us" and defended her decision to ac-

"sham." He told reporters that Pelosi should be investigated for her role in the security failures of the day but ignored questions about Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who had identical authority over the Capitol Police and Capitol security officials.

After the hearing, Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said the probe could move forward urgently, with subpoenas "soon." The investigation is expected to examine not only Trump's role in the insurrection but the groups involved in coordinating it, white supremacists among them.

The probe will also look at security failures that allowed hundreds of people to breach the Capitol and send lawmakers running for their lives. Some of those who broke in were calling for the deaths of Pelosi and Vice President Mike Pence, who was hiding just feet away from the mob.

Capitol Police have repeatedly said they are hamstrung by a lack of funding. Senate leaders said Tuesday they had reached a deal on a \$2.1 billion emergency spending bill that could provide more resources.

\$15 wage becoming a norm as employers struggle to fill jobs

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WASHINGTON — The signs and banners are dotted along suburban commercial strips and hanging in shop windows and restaurants, evidence of a new desperation among America's service-industry employers: "Now Hiring, \$15 an hour."

It is hardly the official federal minimum wage — at \$7.25, that level hasn't been raised since 2009 — but for many lower-skilled workers, \$15 an hour has increasingly become a reality.

Businesses, particularly in the restaurant, retail and travel industries, have been offering a \$15 wage to try to fill enough jobs to meet surging demand from consumers, millions of whom are now spending freely after a year in lockdown. And many of the unemployed, buoyed by stimulus checks and expanded jobless aid, feel able to hold out for higher pay.

The change since the pandemic has been swift. For years, and notably in the 2020 presidential race, labor advocates had trumpeted \$15 an hour as a wage that would finally allow low-paid workers to afford basic necessities and narrow inequality. It struck many as a long-term goal.

Now, many staffing companies say \$15 an hour is the level that many businesses must pay to fill their jobs.

"That number is not a coincidence," said Aaron Sojourner, an economist at the University of Minnesota. "It's the number that those activists and workers put on the table 10 years ago, and built a movement towards."

Even so, millions of Americans are still earning less than \$15 an hour. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office calculates that even by 2025, roughly 17

million workers will remain below that level.

Yet at ZipRecruiter, the number of job postings on the site that are advertising \$15 an hour has more than doubled since 2019, said Julia Pollak, labor economist for the company. The proportion of jobs that offer 401(k) retirement accounts, flexible scheduling, signing bonuses and other benefits has risen, too.

The beneficiaries are people like Maggie Himmel, who started working at the Flowers for Dreams flower shop in Milwaukee last fall for \$12.50 an hour. In January, the company raised its minimum wage to \$15.

The higher pay allowed Himmel, 22, to move into her own apartment after sharing living space with her sister. She is earning more than she did before the pandemic, when she worked part time at a flower shop in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for about \$11 an hour.

"Moving out on my own was a huge goal for me," she said. "I was so happy to get that news."

Steven Dyme, the owner of Flowers for Dreams, said the \$15 minimum made it much easier for him to staff up once the economy reopened this spring and demand for flowers, particularly for weddings, soared.

Dyme, whose company has four locations — one in Chicago, one in Milwaukee and two in Detroit — says he's fully staffed, with 80 full- and part-time workers.

At \$15 an hour, he said, "I saw a markedly different picture in how fast we could recruit and in the experience level of workers."

Mathieu Stevenson, the CEO of Snagajob, a site for hourly workers, says a handful of restaurant chains are going so far as to offer retirement plans — he calls it

the "white collarization" of blue collar jobs — as benefits once reserved for professionals are being offered to some service workers.

"The \$15 an hour debate," Stevenson said, "is essentially being resolved through market forces."

Yet other trends have also helped drive the movement toward a \$15 wage. The Fight for \$15 labor movement has organized strikes by fast food workers and has lobbied states and cities for higher minimum wages.

Thirty states and the District of Columbia have adopted wage floors that exceed the \$7.25 federal minimum. Eleven states have passed laws that will lift their minimum wages to \$15 over time. Among them is Florida, where voters last year approved a measure raising the minimum to \$15 by 2026.

Other states on track to a \$15 an hour wage floor include California, Illinois, New York and Virginia. Ben Zipperer, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute, estimates that four in 10 workers live in states where the minimum is set to reach \$15 in the coming years.

The National Employment Law Project, an advocacy group for low-income workers, calculates that 26 million people, or about 16 percent of workers, have received higher pay because of all the state and local minimum wage increases since 2012, though often to less than \$15 an hour.

The increases have disproportionately benefited Black and Hispanic workers, the report found. Historically, higher minimum wages have been found to reduce racial wage gaps.

The \$7.25-an-hour federal minimum wage has now gone the longest stretch without an increase since it

was first introduced in July 2009. Labor Department data showed that last year, only about 250,000 people — fewer than 0.5 percent of all workers — earned that wage.

Many employers are having to pay more to keep up with larger companies, including Amazon, Costco and Target, that have announced their own pay raises to \$15 or more. More recently, Under Armour, Southwest Airlines and Best Buy have adopted \$15 wage floors.

Economic research has found that when a large company raises pay, nearby employers feel compelled to follow suit. A study led by Ellora Derenoncourt, a Princeton University economist, found that companies in local markets that compete with Amazon, Target or Walmart generally responded by matching their wage hikes dollar-for-dollar. Derenoncourt's research also found that when companies seek to match the pay offered by their large competitors, they often end up employing fewer people, though the impact is relatively small.

Some economists argue that a federal minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour — more than double the current minimum — will cost jobs. The CBO, in its most recent assessment, said that it would mean 1.4 million fewer jobs by 2025. Yet the CBO also found that as many as 27 million people would receive pay increases.

One factor that's helping fuel higher wages is a change in outlook among many lower-paid workers, millions of whom were laid off when COVID-19 first erupted in the spring of 2020. Some who worked at grocery stores, restaurants or hotels now don't want to return to those jobs — at least at the same pay.

Western wildfires calm down in cool weather, but losses grow

INDIAN FALLS, Calif. (AP) — Cooler weather on Tuesday helped calm two gigantic wildfires in the U.S. West, but property losses mounted in a tiny California community savaged by flames last weekend and in a remote area of Oregon that are both bracing for more hot, dry conditions that have been making the blazes so explosive.

Teams reviewing damage from the massive Dixie Fire in the mountains of Northern California have so far tallied 36 structures destroyed and seven damaged in the remote community of Indian Falls, said Nick Truax, an incident commander for the Dixie's east section, crediting help from local governments and California's firefighting agency.

"I just wanted to thank them for that because we are strapped federally with resources all over the nation," she said.

Authorities also were hopeful that cool temperatures, increased humidity and isolated showers will help them make more progress against the nation's largest wildfire, the Bootleg Fire in southern Oregon. Crews have it more than halfway contained after it scorched 640 square miles of remote land.

"The mild weather will have a short-term calming effect on the fire behavior. But due to the extremely dry conditions and fuels, as the week progresses and temperatures rise, aggressive fire behavior is likely to quickly rebound," a situation report said Tuesday.

The lightning-sparked fire has destroyed 161 homes, 247 outbuildings and 342 vehicles in Klamath and Lake counties, the report said, cautioning that the numbers could increase as firefighters work through the inner area of the fire.

Elsewhere, high heat was expected to return to the northern Rocky Mountains, where thick smoke from many wildfires drove pollution readings to unhealthy levels.

Unhealthy air was recorded around most of Montana's larger cities — Billings, Butte, Bozeman and Missoula — and in portions of northern Wyoming and eastern Idaho, according data from U.S. government air monitoring stations.

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MU earns USTFCCCA academic honors

Salazar and Richardson recognized

By DILLON BENDER

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) announced its all-academic athletes and all-academic teams for the 2021 NCAA Division III track and field seasons this week.

Standouts Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, and Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, were honored as USTFCCCA All-Academic Ath-

letes.

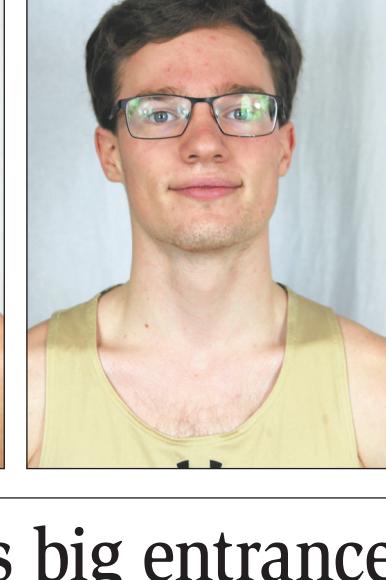
To qualify for this recognition, athletes must have a minimum grade point average of 3.30 and must have finished the indoor or outdoor season among the top 50 individuals as listed on the descending order lists on Track & Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS).

Salazar ranked 26th in the 5000m on the indoor circuit while ranking 44th in the 10,000m during the outdoor season. Richardson ranked 30th in the 3000m steeplechase during the outdoor season.

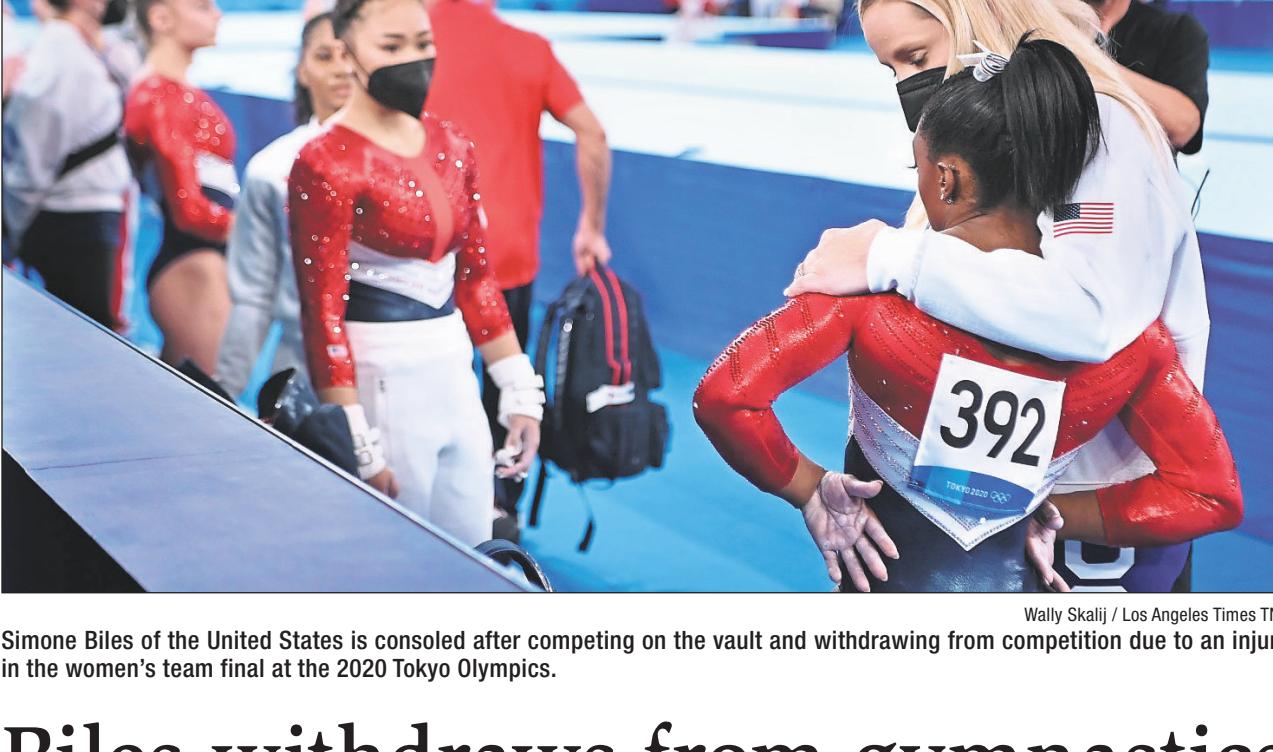
Additionally, both the men's and women's teams garnered

All-Academic Team recognition from the USTFCCCA this year. The men posted a 3.10 team GPA while the women posted a collective team GPA of 3.40.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



Provided photos
Enrique Salazar (right) from Plymouth and Thomas Richardson (far right) from Ladoga and Southmont High School earned academic honors from The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.



Wally Skalij / Los Angeles Times TNS

Simone Biles of the United States is consoled after competing on the vault and withdrawing from competition due to an injury in the women's team final at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Biles withdraws from gymnastics final to protect team, self

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

TOKYO — Simone Biles arrived in Tokyo as the star of the U.S. Olympic movement and perhaps the Games themselves. She convinced herself she was prepared for the pressure. That she was ready to carry the burden of outsized expectations.

Only, as the women's gym-

nastics team final approached on Tuesday night, something

felt off. And the athlete widely

considered the Greatest of All

Time in her sport knew it.

So rather than push through the doubts that crept into her head as she's done so many times in the past, Biles decided enough was enough. She was done. For now.

The American star withdrew from the competition following one rotation, opening the door for the team of Russian athletes to win gold for the first time in nearly three decades.

Jordan Chiles, Sunisa Lee and Grace McCallum guided the U.S. to silver while Biles cheered from the sideline in a white sweatshirt, at peace with a decision that revealed a shift not only in Biles but perhaps the sport she's redefined.

"We also have to focus on ourselves, because at the end of the day we're human, too," Biles said. "So, we have to protect our mind and our body, rather than just go out there and do what the world wants us to do."

The Americans — fueled by an uneven bars routine by Lee that not even Biles could match — drew within eight-tenths of a point through three rotations. ROC, however, never wavered on floor. And they erupted when 21-year-old Angelina Melnikova's score assured them of the top spot on the podium for the first time since the Unified Team won in Barcelona in 1992.

The victory came a day after ROC men's team edged Japan for the top spot in the men's final. Great Britain edged Italy for bronze.

"The impossible is possible now," Melnikova said.

Perhaps in more ways than one.

In the five years since Biles

SUMMER GAMES TOKYO

MEDAL TRACKER

	United States	9	7	8	Czech Republic	0	1	1
China	9	5	7		Indonesia	0	1	1
Japan	10	3	5		Egypt	0	0	2
ROC	7	7	4		Mexico	0	0	2
Britain	4	5	3		Turkey	0	0	2
Italy	1	5	6		Bermuda	1	0	0
South Korea	3	2	5		Ecuador	1	0	0
Australia	3	1	5		Hong Kong	1	0	0
Canada	2	3	3		Iran	1	0	0
France	2	2	3		Norway	1	0	0
Taiwan	1	2	3		Philippines	1	0	0
Brazil	1	2	2		Thailand	1	0	0
Switzerland	1	2	2		Uzbekistan	1	0	0
Germany	1	0	3		Bulgaria	0	1	0
Serbia	1	1	1		Colombia	0	1	0
Slovenia	1	1	1		Denmark	0	1	0
Netherlands	0	3	0		India	0	1	0
Spain	0	2	1		Jordan	0	1	0
Mongolia	0	1	2		Macedonia	0	1	0
Kazakhstan	0	0	3		Romania	0	1	0
Ukraine	0	0	3		Turkmenistan	0	1	0
Kosovo	2	0	0		Cuba	0	0	1
Hungary	1	1	0		Ivory Coast	0	0	1
Tunisia	1	1	0		Israel	0	0	1
Austria	1	0	1		Kuwait	0	0	1
Croatia	1	0	1		New Zealand	0	0	1

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this Olympic Games, I feel like, is kind of hers," Lee said.

Biles is scheduled to defend her Olympic title in the all-around final on Thursday. She also qualified for all four event finals later in the Games. She said she will regroup on Wednesday before deciding whether to continue.

Biles' abrupt absence forced the Americans to scramble a bit. The finals are a three-up/three-count format, meaning each country enters three of their four athletes on an apparatus, with all three scores counting.

Chiles stepped in to take Biles' place on uneven bars and balance beam. The 20-year-old who made the team with her steady consistency pulled off a solid bars routine and drilled her balance beam set two days after falling twice on the event.

Thanks in part to a little help from ROC — which counted a pair of falls on beam — the U.S. drew within striking distance heading to floor, the final rotation.

Without Biles and her otherworldly tumbling, the U.S. needed to be near perfect to close the gap. It didn't happen. Chiles stumbled to the mat at the end of her second pass, and any chance the U.S. had of chasing down ROC went right along with it.

Not that Chiles or the rest of the Americans particularly cared. The gold might be gone, but something more significant may have happened instead. It's a tradeoff they can live with.

"This medal is definitely for (Biles)," said Chiles. "If it wasn't if it wasn't for her, we wouldn't be here where we are right now. We wouldn't be a silver medalist because of who she is as a person."

Chiles then turned to her good friend. Biles helped convince her to move to Houston to train alongside her two years ago, a decision that turned Chiles into an Olympian. In an empty arena in the middle of Japan with the world watching, Chiles did for Biles what Biles has done for so many for so long. She had her back.

"Kudos to you girl," Chiles said. "This is all for you."

and the U.S. put on a dazzling display on their way to gold in Rio de Janeiro, gymnastics has undergone a reckoning. The tectonic plates in a sport where obedience, discipline and silence were long considered as important as talent and artistry are moving.

Biles has become an outspoken advocate for athlete's rights and the importance of proper mental health. There was a time, there were many times actually, where she felt she wasn't right and just powered through because that's what people expected of her.

Not anymore. And the stand she took could resonate far beyond the color of any medal she may win in Tokyo.

Biles is the latest in a series of high-profile athletes, including tennis star Naomi Osaka, who have used their platforms to discuss their mental health struggles. A subject that was once taboo has become far more accepted and embraced.

U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland applauded Biles for prioritizing her "mental wellness over all else" and offered the organization's full sup-

port. USA Gymnastics women's program vice-president called Biles' act "incredibly selfless."

Biles posted on social media Monday that she felt the weight of the world on her shoulders after an uncharacteristically sloppy showing during qualifying left the Americans looking up at the ROC on the scoreboard.

The tension affected her practice. It affected her confidence. And when she stepped onto the vault runway, it finally found its way to her performance, too.

She was scheduled to do an "Amanar" vault that requires a roundoff back handspring onto the table followed by 2 1/2 twists. Biles instead did just 1 1/2 twists with a big leap forward after landing. She sat down and talked to U.S. team doctor Marcia Faustin, then headed to the back while the rest of the Americans moved on to uneven bars without her.

When Biles returned several minutes later, she hugged her teammates and took off her bar grips. And just like that, her night was over.

"To see her kind of go out like that is very sad because

SCOREBOARD

MLB				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	62	.39	.614	62	.40	.600	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	60	40	.600	51	.47	.520	9 1/2
New York	51	47	.520	49	47	.510	10 1/2
Toronto	34	64	.347	43	57	.430	26 1/2
Central Division				Central Division			
Chicago	59	41	.590	56	42	.580	—
Cleveland	49	48	.505	51	49	.510	7
Detroit	47	45	.461	50	50	.500	8 1/2
Kansas City	43	55	.439	43	57	.430	19 1/2
Minnesota	43	58	.426	38	51	.426	25 1/2
West Division				West Division			
Houston	61	40	.604	61	40	.604	2
Oakland	56	45	.554	58	44	.569	5 1/2
Seattle	55	46	.545	43	57	.430	19 1/2
Los Angeles	50	49	.505	31	70	.307	32
Texas	35	65	.350	Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 0, 7 innings, 1st game	Monday's Games		
AP				Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3	Tuesday's Games		
				Minnesota 6, Detroit 5, 10 innings	Wednesday's Games		
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				Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 5	Friday's Games		
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